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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on February 22, 2006, the undersigned discussed the pending Office Action dated November 22, 2005. While the teachings of US Patent 6,134,235 granted to Goldman may be at most interpreted to disclose the use of one port for all traffic, it was agreed that Goldman fails to disclose or suggest two ports of the type disclosed in Figure 3 and Figure 4 of the current patent application, namely one port for media streams and another port for control streams. In accordance with the Examiner's remarks during the telephone conference, Claims 1, 9, 35, 39, 43 and 61 have been amended above. Note that US Patent 6,826,176 granted to Siddiqui fails to overcome the above-noted defect in Goldman's patent. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 9, 35, 39, 43 and 61 and their dependent claims distinguish over the cited prior art references for at least this reason. The remaining prior art rejections in the Office Action are of dependent claims, and these rejections are rendered moot in view of the just-described patentability of the respective independent claims.

The above claim amendments are also believed to overcome the Examiner's rejections under §112 for use of the term "fixed destination port" to denote both ports, namely one port for media streams and another port for control streams. Specifically, at page 20 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 9 and 35 for using the term "fixed destination port" which has now been eliminated.

Moreover, the Examiner's objection on page 20 of the Office Action, to Claim 39 for reciting "control stream" and "media stream" is respectfully traversed. Applicants submit that these terms are well understood, especially in view of the illustration in Applicants' Figure 4 and also in view of the specification, e.g. see page 14, lines 123-25 ("media stream"), and page 16 lines 4-6 ("control stream").

Finally, the Examiner's objection to Claim 61 for reciting the "communication network" is rendered moot, because this term has now been deleted from Claim 61.

Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that all claim rejections and objections have been addressed.

At the bottom of page 21, in paragraph 14 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for not showing the claim limitation of "creating a fixed destination port for data

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signaling ..." Applicants respectfully submit that this claim limitation has now been eliminated from the claims above, and therefore this objection to the drawings has been rendered moot. The drawings were also objected to for not showing the "fixed destination ports" (see top of page 22 of the Office Action). As noted above, this claim term has now been removed from the claims. Finally, the drawings were also objected to for not showing the 1st hole and the 2nd hole. Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to the destination firewall 34 shown in FIG. 3 which clearly shows the two holes. In view of these remarks, Applicants believe that the objections to the drawings have been overcome.

For the above-discussed reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in form for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to allow this application to proceed to issuance.

To the extent the Examiner finds anything in this application that does not comply with any rule or guideline, the Examiner is hereby respectfully requested to make any necessary revisions by a formal examiner's amendment, so that this application can proceed to issuance. Applicants' authorization for such an amendment may be obtained by calling the undersigned at (408) 982-8203.


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